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REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-2, 4 and 9-10 have been amended. Claims 11 – 18 were previously withdrawn from consideration.

Applicant notes with thanks and appreciation that Claims 1-10 have allowable subject matter and would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejections under 35 § 112, second paragraph.

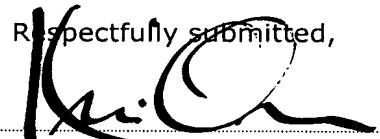
Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Claim 1 has been amended to make clear that an inner circumference defined by the ends of the centering projections has a smaller diameter than an outer diameter of the projection of the fixing member.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 9, and 10 have been amended to make clear which projection — the centering projection or the projection of the fixing member — is being referred to. Claims 1-10 as amended are not indefinite and are patentable.

CONCLUSION

Applicant asserts that all of the objections have been obviated and, therefore now respectfully requests withdrawal of the objections, and allowance of the application.

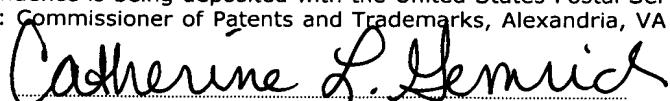
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